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Prosecutor protests Melendez' parole

Former Inkster Police Officer William Melendez could be out of prison before Christmas despite the strong objections of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Melendez was sentenced to 13 months to 10 years for the beating of motorist Floyd Dent during a traffic stop in January of 2015. The incident made national headlines when a videotape of Melendez holding Dent, 56, on the ground and beating him with his closed fist. The videotape shows Melendez viciously striking Dent 16 times about the face and head.

Dent was treated at a local hospital for his injuries and subsequently came to a $1.37-million settlement with the city.

Melendez was fired by the Inkster city manager and the police chief during the incident resigned. Two other Inkster officers shown on the tape were also suspended for their part in the incident.

A jury found Melendez guilty of two felonies: misconduct in office and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans remanded him to jail immediately after the decision was announced Nov. 19, 2015.

Melendez, 48, was granted parole at a hearing in October contingent upon his completion of a behavioral therapy program. No timetable or schedule for the therapy was available. Worth immediately sent a letter to Michael Eagen, chairman of the Michigan parole board, asking that any such parole be denied.

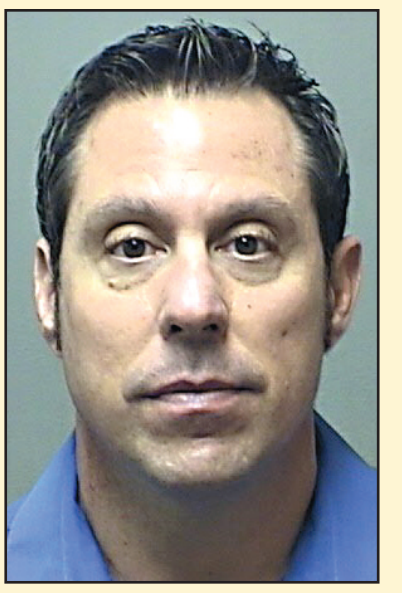
"The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office OPPOSES (sic) this parole and would ask the board to reconsider its decision," Worthy said in her four-page letter.

In the letter, Worthy restates some of the arguments used by the district attorney at Melendez' trial.

She referenced the videotape which she said shows Melendez "using excessive force to brutalize Mr. Dent" who she added, "was unarmed, never fought back, never struck the defendant and was unsuccessful in attempting protect himself from the defendant's unrelenting attack."

She added that Melendez was guilty of an "absolute betrayal of the trust and authority placed in him to protect the community and uphold the laws of this state."

A spokesman from the Department of Corrections said that letters, whether in opposition or support of a parole decision will be taken into consideration but are advisory and do not trigger any action by the parole board members.



William Melendez

A waiting game

Plymouth Township trustee candidate Jack Dempsey (left) and unopposed candidate for township supervisor Kurt Heise, far right, talk with resident Joe DeFranco outside Pioneer Middle School early Tuesday as record numbers turned out to cast their votes. Results of the balloting were not available at press time.

Photo by Don Howard

Meijer omitted from Northville plan

Members of the Northville Planning Commission will review a new proposal for development of the former Scott Correctional Facility property at Five Mile and Beck roads when they meet Nov. 21.

An original proposal from Redico, a Southfield-based developer, met with strong protests from residents who objected to the inclusion of a 170,000 square-foot Meijer store planned for the center of the 53-acre development. The new plan for a mixed-use development has replaced the Meijer store with 99-130 single-family homes, on 50- by 100-foot lots with access to an adjacent community park. Also included are two clusters of town homes and 160-190 apartments, along with about 130,000 square feet of retail space and parking.

Developers said they hoped to replace the planned Meijer with a large market but that the rental space was flexible and could include a bank, drugstore, coffee shop or a small "boutique" movie theater.

Residents were still not pleased with the plan and said the large development would disturb the quiet atmosphere of the area. Residents also expressed concerns about the traffic flow and patterns at the proposed site and questioned the density of the planned single-family homes which were described as 40-feet wide on 50-foot lots and about 2,400 to 3,200 square feet. The townhouses could be developed to provide office spaces on the first floor, developers said.

The new plan was presented at a joint informational meeting of the Northville Township Planning Commission and board of trustees on Oct. 25.

Representatives from Redico told the assembled officials and residents that this new plan is a more family-friendly design with more amenities. The representatives stressed that the plan is still conceptual and will need adjustments.

The alternative plan will now go before the planning commission members for consideration, and then, if approved, go before the board of trustees for consideration Nov. 29.

Romulus wins ecities economic award

The City of Romulus is one of only six communities across the state to have been recognized for the strategies they employ to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development, according to the annual eCities study. The study, conducted by iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn Center for Innovation Research, identified the City of Farmington Hills, City of Grand Blanc, City of Hillsdale, City of Romulus, City of Sault Ste. Marie and City of Tecumseh for their strategies, innovative programs and best practices geared toward business development. Romulus also was recognized as a five-star community.

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"Our team has worked consistently to improve our relationship with local businesses and potential developers. We have utilized the best practices shared with us from the eCities research in previous years and are proud to be recognized as a five-star community this year," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

"The eCities project highlights how local governments from across the state of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development. These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to energize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development," said Tim Davis, director, iLabs.

An additional 40 communities are recognized as five-and four-star performers.

Five-star communities have commercial constructions worth over $875 million, having issued over 2000 construction permits. They have more than $29 billion in combined real and personal properties. They have more than $21 million in additions to assets in the past year and with about 10 percent of the employed population being self-employed. eCities study sur-

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Belleville - Inkster

Van Buren gives Aerotropolis 1 more year

Aerotropolis project officials have one more year to prove the value of the project to Van Buren Township or the Downtown Development Authority will discontinue paying the annual dues of $25,000.

The DDA has been paying dues to the project since 2009 and some officials feel the township has received nothing in return for the $175,000.

At the Oct. 25 meeting of the group, Aerotropolis Director of Business Development Marco Salomone and marketing consultant Luke Bonner spoke to members of the authority board regarding the project.

Craig Atchinson, chairman of the DDA board of directors, demanded to know what Van Buren was getting from the Aerotroplis and how the community has benefited. Bonner responded that there had been some development in Romulus and those projects could hire Van Buren Township residents. He added that he felt Aerotropolis has "a failure to launch" and was a victim of study after study rather than effective marketing.

The board members along with Bonner and Salomone discussed the project extensively inquiring as to exactly what the marketing plan was going forward and what part the Aerotroplis project played in recent development in Romulus.

Bonner told the group that Aerotropolis was a major site.

"Everyone calls it the 440," he said, referring to the 440-acre site at the northwest corner of Ecorse and Belleville roads.

He said a recent tour of Aerotroplis had brought in people from around the country and they gave unabated feedback on the weaknesses and strengths of sites in this area.

"The assets we have here are on a par with others," Bonner said, adding, "I think we are doing the right things." He mentioned a new social media effort to market the project.

According to board members at the meeting, Huron Township and the City of Belleville have not paid dues for two years while Ypsilanti Township pays $15,000 and the City of Ypsilanti requested a $10,000 waiver. Romulus pays the full $25,000. After much more in-depth discussion as to the benefit to the community and anticipated progress by the Aerotropolis representatives, the DDA board members agreed to pay the dues for another year and then review the progress.

Legislators set meeting

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson and State Sen. David Knezek will be hosting their normally-scheduled monthly coffee hour event in Inkster from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, Nov, 14. The meeting will take place at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

Residents are encouraged to attend and discuss issues of importance to them. Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact either of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email:

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Goodfellows' help available

Applications for holiday help from the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows are now available at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk.

The forms will also be available online at the Van Buren Township website, www.vanburen-mi.org and are printable.

All applications must be submitted in person before 3 p.m. Dec. 2.

Residents of the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township are eligible for the program. Sumpter Township residents can apply for help through the Goodfellows organization in that community.

Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or state identification card will be required during in-person applications. A current utility bill will also be accepted as proof of residency if it contains the name and address of the applicant or family. Applications must be submitted in person and no mailed or emailed applications will be accepted.

For more information contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8934 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Honored firefighter resigns

Van Buren Township firefighter John Henderson has been awarded the 2015 Firehouse Magazine Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor.

Henderson placed fourth in the national ranking of firefighters honored for displaying great bravery in the face of dangerous conditions. A Van Buren firefighter for 15 years, he recently resigned from the department.

The August issue of Firehouse Magazine described the brave actions that won Henderson the national honor, noting that the township department was called to a fire in a tri-level home on Dec. 13, 2015. When Henderson and his partner arrived on the scene, they were alerted that a young child was inside the burning home. Henderson went to the front door to find the child who had been spotted by police officers who were first on the scene.

Visibility was limited to 12-18 inches from the floor where flames and smoke had engulfed the structure. Henderson donned his safety gear, only to realize he left his helmet on the truck.

Without regard for his own safety, Henderson crawled through the heat, flames and smoke in an attempt to find the child. As he crawled forward in zero visibility, he touched the soft clothing of a toddler. He dragged the child back out the front door with him through the blaze where firefighters began medical procedures to the unresponsive child.

The 2-year-old had sustained burns to more than 50 percent of her body and was hospitalized for treatment.

After months of treatment, she was released from C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and continues to recover from the incident.

Henderson was officially honored by the township for his bravery in the rescue of the child.

Henderson resigned from the township fire department in response to a new rule that required paid-per-call firefighters to work four duty crew shifts monthly. Henderson's job as an instructor of closed-space rescues requires him to travel and prohibits his guarantee of working four shifts, he said. Henderson has had some other organizational issues with the department and resigned his rank of lieutenant just prior to the rescue incident.

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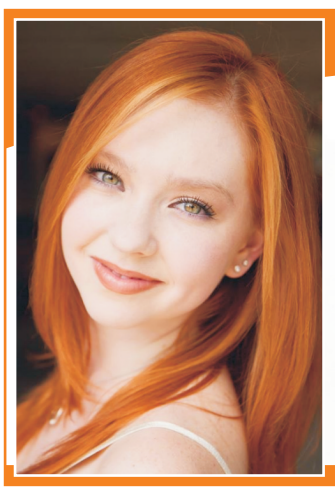
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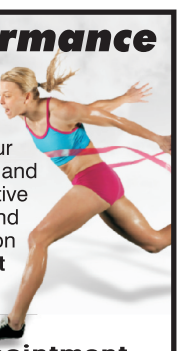
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PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

City 'weighing options' for Kellogg fountain

Following comments from residents, members of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth City Commission are weighing options regarding plans for a new fountain in Kellogg Park.

Tony Bruscato, director of the development authority, issued a statement last week thanking residents who participated in the exchange regarding the plans for the park and fountain.

"The DDA and City Commission are currently looking at renovations to be a two-phase project, with Phase 1 to constitute a new fountain in Kellogg Park by summer 2017. The DDA and City Commission have listened to suggestions, and have asked the fountain designer for an alternative to the current rendering. There is sentiment from the DDA and City Commission to keep the fountain in its current location, and reducing the amount of hardscape around the fountain," Bruscato said in the prepared statement.

Plans had included moving the fountain about 20 feet and included a fountain with an LED lighting display with an 18-inch wall along the Main Street side of the park. Those options were criticized by residents attending the public hearings and in email comments to the development authority. Plans also included the closing of Union Street with large planters and including the area in front of the Wilcox house as part of the park.

> *The renderings will be discussed at a second workshop...*

The renderings will be discussed at a second workshop on the future design of a new fountain. When those renderings are available, the workshop meeting will be announced, Bruscato said.

Phase 2 will be considerations for upgrades to the remainder of the park at a later date, with input from the community. That will include discussions on elimination of trees, walkways and the sitting wall along Main Street At this time, those options are on hold until further discussion, which is expected to begin sometime next year. Again, those conversations will be announced before they begin, Bruscato said.

A look at the progression of the Kellogg Park/fountain project can be found on the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority website at www.downtownplymouth.org [http://www.downtownplymouth.org] The site includes the Oct. 10 presentation at the Plymouth Cultural Center, which includes updated renderings of the proposed project.

Comments can be emailed to the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority at www.dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us [http://www.dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us]

A special thank you

After being rained out twice, the Annual Car Show sponsored by Romulus Auto Supply and the Chevelle Club of Michigan had a successful fundraising event in partnership with Blue Sky Ice Cream & Hamburgers. The two have been sponsoring the event during the Pumpkin Festival for 15 years, donating proceeds to local organizations. This year, funds from the car show were donated to the Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee which annually conducts clothing, blanket and food drives to support local veterans, as well as coordinates the annual "Roamin' Chrome" poker fundraiser in August. Celebrating the donation are Lynn Ostrosky, co-owner of Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers, left, Doug O'Leary, owner of Romulus Auto Supply, Robert McCraight, City of Romulus Department of Public Services and Chair of the Veterans Outreach Committee, Chuck Finch, president of Chevelle Club of Michigan, Deputy Romulus Fire Chief Kevin Krause who is a member of the Veterans Outreach Committee, Pat Ostrosky, co-owner of Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers and Tom Lasater, Chevelle Club of Michigan activities director.

New director named at recreation facility

Gail Grieger has been named as the new executive director of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

Effective Nov. 1, Grieger is responsible for directing day-to-day operations of PARC including scheduling, tenant leases, athletic, swimming and fitness programs, theater and music operations, website and social media sites, sales and marketing programs and facility maintenance.

"I am privileged to accept the position of executive director at PARC, and to join the talented and diverse group of individuals and organizations who are so dedicated to this project. I look forward to the opportunity to enhance the entire Plymouth community by bringing quality art, theater, music, fitness, and recreation activities to PARC, and making it the place where everyone can experience what is truly amazing about Plymouth," Grieger said.

PARC has successfully completed 15 months of operation and can now move to the next phase of the plan to build a performing arts center and exhibition hall, and renovate the existing facilities, noted Don Soenen, PARC president and chairman.

"We have demonstrated the financial viability of the project, and the need in the community for this facility. It's time to install management to handle continuing operations while we pursue the longer term goals for PARC. Ms. Grieger is highly qualified, passionate about PARC, and ideally suited for this position," Soenen said.

The PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 16.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the greater Plymouth community, he added.

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veyed 76 communities from 25 counties in Michigan that are home to more than 22 percent of Michigan residents and 28 percent with at least a bachelor's degree. These communities count for nearly one-fifth of the state's entrepreneurs who earned more than $1.9 billion self-employed income in total. About 60 percent of these communities have a local business database, more than a quarter provide business improvement grants and more than 40 percent have full-time economic development employees.

"For the past decade, eCities research has provided data on the strategies and best practices communities are using to successfully attract and retain business," Davis said. "We continue to share this research so that communities throughout Michigan can adapt and adopt the tools that best align with their community needs and economic development goals."

The communities were honored recently at UM-Dearborn. Support for eCities is provided in part by the DTE Energy Foundation, Comcast, Plante Moran and UM-Dearborn College of Business.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, more than 200 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

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Regular Meeting dates in 2016: November 15 and December 13.
Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

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The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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Wayne - Westland

Council rejects offer for banquet center

Members of the Wayne City Council rejected an offer of $150,000 for the vacant Wayne Activities and Banquet Center last week.

The offer came from Mark Paladino of Lower Huron Chemical and Supply Co. He proposed using the building, located at the corner of Sims and Wayne Road, as a rental venue for events. The property overlooks Goudy Park and is near Wayne City Hall.

Paladino also suggested that the building could be used as an activity center.

"I was in (Las) Vegas last week. I thought the city could use a place like this," Paladino told the members of the council during their regular meeting last week. "I already registered the name City Center Place on the Internet."

Councilmen Anthony Miller, Ryan Gabriel and Chris Sanders voted against the proposal. The city charter requires a five-vote majority to approve the sale of any city property. The remaining four council members voted in favor of the sale.

Miller said he was concerned with the future plans for the development of a vibrant downtown and felt that this was not in line with that vision. Gabriel, too, said that he was not in favor of selling off assets of the city which is facing a $1.7 million budget deficit and is projected to run out of cash next year.

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Mayor Susan Rowe reminded the three dissenting council members that should the faltering city be forced into bankruptcy all city assets would be ordered sold or auctioned by the court. She also noted that discussions were planned with the City of Westland regarding a consolidation of the 29th and 18th District Courts which could open the neighboring court property on Sims Street for development. She noted that any such plan was, however, two or three years in the future.

Councilman Tom Porter reminded the council that the city is currently paying utility bills and maintenance at the building and a sale would put the property back on the tax rolls. He noted that the city could generate the sale price of $150,000 and another $5,000 in annual taxes while not paying the upkeep at the building.

Paladino has purchased and renovated other buildings in Wayne, including the building that now houses Michigan Works! and his current building on Treadwell. The city will also be liable for more than $1,500 in legal fees which would have been covered by the purchaser if the sale had been approved.

Veterans' memorials will be moved by city

The veterans memorials which remain at the former Westland City Hall site will soon be moved to new locations.

Two of the memorials which remain on the Ford Road property where the old city hall has been demolished, will be moved to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, behind the William P. Faust Library on Central City Parkway. A third, the All Service Memorial will be moved to Central City Park near the Farmers Market Pavilion.

City officials said that the move would be completed by a professional firm following a bidding process. The cost for the move will be split between the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

The memorial to POW/MIA servicemen has been moved and reinstalled at the Bova Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Mayor William Wild said the move was necessary as plans are discussed for the development or use of the now vacant property along Ford Road. No decision regarding the land has been made, officials said. He said that currently they cannot be enjoyed or appreciated and the city has "a window of opportunity" to now move the structures.

He added that a walking path is planned leading to the memorial garden behind the library as part of the Central City Parkway landscaping project.

"We will take a careful look at this and make sure that the memorials are moved in the most careful way. All of the memorials are important to all of us here," Councilman Kevin Coleman, who has been active in the Westland Veterans Association, said. He added that donations are still being accepted to help fund the memorial garden.

Legislator wins 'Brandi' honor

House Democratic Whip and State Representative Robert Kosowski (D-Westland) was recognized by the State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section with the Brandi Award, a recognition of his work in drafting, introducing, and successfully passing animal welfare legislation through this past legislative session.

"It is truly an honor to receive this award," Kosowski said. "If you look at my currently introduced legislation, you will see that much of it is centered on animals and children. Being a dog owner myself, I understand that people consider their pets to be part of the family. One of my top priorities as a legislator is to continue to work in a bi-partisan manner to further strengthen our laws protecting both Michigan's children and its companion animals."

The Brandi Award is presented annually. It is named after Brandi, a dog who was the subject of a lawsuit which successfully attempted to recover damages beyond mere property value years ago.

Donald Garlit, treasurer, Animal Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, left, Bee Friedlander, chair, Awards Committee, Animal Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, congratulate State Rep. Robert Kosowski on his receipt of the Brandi award.

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HOLIDAY help needed

With the holiday season fast approaching, the shelves at Romulus Helping Hands are all but bare.

Councilman Harry Crout pointed out Monday night that the community food pantry is in need of donations to help needy families throughout the city. "If you look in to your refrigerator and see food, you're blessed," he said. "A lot of people aren't that blessed. They need help."

He asked Romulus officials and the community at large to donate to the organization, which is located at 37510 West Huron Dr. The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It serves Romulus residents only who are referred there either by a social worker, teacher, minister or other authority figure and has provided that help for decades.

For more information or to donate, call (734) 941-5323.

Canton - Northville

Alternate speaker set for Salute to Service

U.S. Army SSgt. Dewey Smith will take the place of the man who saved his life in Vietnam during the annual Canton Township Salute to Service set for Nov. 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Smith is one of the last eight soldiers of B Company who was rescued via helicopter by U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Charles Kettles on May 15, 1967. Kettles, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Vietnam War, was originally scheduled to speak at the ceremony but was recently taken ill.

The presentation will include video interviews with Kettles, who was awarded the nation's highest military decoration by President Barack Obama at the White House. His life-saving efforts of rescuing soldiers trapped in a river valley in South Vietnam is credited with saving more than 40 soldiers and four of his own crew members. Kettles, a UH-1D Huey helicopter pilot, was serving as a flight commander assigned to the 176th Aviation Company.

Smith will discuss his recollections of being rescued by Kettles, who was described by President Obama, as "…the reason they lived and came home and had children and grandchildren. Entire family trees, made possible by the actions of this one man."

> *Smith is one of the last eight soldiers of B Company who was rescued via helicopter by U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Charles Kettles.*

The program will also feature musical tributes sung by the Workman Elementary Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Keri L. Mueller.

In addition to the formal presentation, items for service men and women will be collected by the Michigan Military Moms, including individual size or travel size: disposable hand and foot warmers; foot and body powder; Q-tips; Beef Jerky; hot chocolate mix; wipes; granola/power bars; and monetary donations to offset postage. Please note that all items must be small enough to fit a 12 by 12 by 8-inch U.S. Priority box.

For more information about this free event at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event, presented by Canton Township. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the public to enjoy exhibited military memorabilia displays and a cookie and punch pre-show reception, prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

2 graduate from command school

Michael Burrough

David Roberts

Two members of the Northville Township Police Department have graduated from the Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School. The Northville Township Police Department continues to maintain a tradition of academic and leadership excellence, a spokesman noted.

Lieutenant Michael Burrough has been serving the department for 11 years. He was promoted to sergeant in 2014 and lieutenant in 2016. Burrough is currently assigned as the patrol division commander. His previous assignments include community policing, evidence technician, and investigations. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in organizational leadership and administration, both from Concordia University - Ann Arbor.

Sergeant David Roberts has served the community of Northville Township for 16 years. He was promoted to sergeant in 2015 and is currently assigned to the detective bureau, with past outside assignments to the Western Wayne Michigan State Police Task Force as well as the Federal DEA Task force. He earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna University and is currently working on a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

The Eastern Michigan University Staff and Command school is an intensive program consisting of 350 hours of classroom instruction over 10 months geared towards police management. The command school has a reputation for excellence and is supported by quality instructors and law enforcement management professionals, according to a prepared release.

3 sell liquor to decoy

Three of eight businesses visited by the Canton Police Department Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) illegally sold alcohol to minors last month.

The special unit utilized a volunteer decoy minor who attempted to make a purchase of alcohol at the businesses, according to a prepared statement from the Canton Police Department.

Businesses that sold the alcohol to the minor included the 7-11 at 7171 North Canton Center Road; En-Joy Liquor at 39457 Joy Road and the Canton Party Store, 43431 Michigan Ave.

Smoker's Express 45156 Ford Road did not sell alcohol to the minor decoy, nor did DEV 6624 N. Canton Center Road; Crown Liquor 42432 Ford Road; CVS 45300 Cherry Hill Road and Oakview Party Store 42256 Palmer Road.

The Canton Special Enforcement Unit has performed alcohol and tobacco compliance checks at local businesses in the past, and will continue to use the decoy program as a means of keeping minors safe in the community, according to the statement. The unit utilizes a"zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of alcohol and tobacco sales. Under local ordinance, alcohol sales to under age persons as the result of an undercover operation result in a civil infraction ticket being issued to the server or salesperson with a fine of not more than $100. The establishment is cited for a Liquor Control Commission (LCC) violation, resulting in an administrative hearing with the LCC. Sales of tobacco products to persons under age 18 result in a misdemeanor ticket being issued to the salesperson with a fine of up to $50, the statement concluded.

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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

Candy Corn Contest continues

Those 18 and younger have until Nov. 30 to guess how many candy corn pieces are in the jar at the Romulus Public Library.

There will be only one winner who will take home the jar and the candy by guessing closest to the exact number of candies in the container. If more than one entry has the correct number, library staff members will randomly select a winner from those entries.

The winner will be contacted the first week of December and will have one week to collect the prize.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Free balance workshops offered

A free award-winning workshop designed to manage falls and increase activity levels for seniors will be offered from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through Dec. 5. There will be no class on Nov. 23.

The classes are beneficial for those concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength. The Matter of Balance workshop is also beneficial for individuals who have fallen in the past and who restricts their activities because of falling concerns.

Participants must pre-register by calling the Wayne Senior Services office (734) 721-7460 and leaving a message. Class size is limited.

All sessions take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Coffee with Commissioners served

Coffee with the Commissioners will take place from 7:30-8:30 a.m, tomorrow, Nov. 11 at the Coffee Bean on Penniman.

Three Plymouth City Commissioners will be on hand to talk with residents in an informal atmosphere. This will be an opportunity for residents to talk briefly about issues with a few members of the city commission.

The Coffee Bean is located at 884 Penniman.

Family Story Time continues

Family Story Time continues at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Nov. 29.

Story Time includes different aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) depending on the weekly theme.

The Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589 or access www.romlus.lib.mi.us.

Person of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year.

Completed forms, available at the chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11189 Shook Road, St. 200, Romulus, Mi 48174.

Later nominations will not be considers.

A committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate.

This is the 32nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 893-0694 or admin@romuluschamber.org.

Veterans invited to free movie

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) will host his 2nd Annual Free Veterans Day Movie Event planned to begin at noon Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, in acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifice and service of America's military veterans.

In cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 and John Glenn High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), the third movie in the Da Vinci Code series, Inferno" (PG-13) will be shown at the MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 located at 6800 North Wayne Road in Westland. Tickets are limited to two per veteran and are available on a first come, first served basis. Registration is required.

Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, and Westland.

For additional information or to register for free tickets, contact Hopgood's office at (517) 373-7800 or by emailing SenHHopgood@senate.mi.gov.

Holiday tree lighting planned

The seventh annual Main Street Boulevard Tree Lighting and Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick Off in downtown Plymouth is planned for Friday, Nov. 11. During the event, the decorated trees on the boulevard are illuminated and the Plymouth Salvation Army partners begin the Red Kettle drive. Non-perishable food for the Salvation Army pantry is also collected and a small gift is presented to the first 100 people who attend the event.

Gift certificates are being sought for the event from local businesses. For more information, contact Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, (734) 455-1453.

Toast to veterans set

Romulus VFW Post 9568, located at 39270 W. Huron River Dr., is hosting veterans, their families and any members of the public to the post for a Veterans Day toast and ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

Early arrival is suggested.

For more information, call (734) 941-3030.

Coffee to be served

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood has set his November Coffee Hour for 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at Romulus House, 9110 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

For additional information regarding the meeting, contact Hopgood's office by calling (517) 373-7800, by emailing SenHHopgood@senate.mi.gov or visiting his Facebook page at facebook.com/SenHopgood.

Tea is served

The Wayne Public Library is hosting an Afternoon Tea at 1 p.m. Nov. 12.

A wide sampling of teas, scones, desserts and tea sandwiches from Victoria's Tea Salon will be served.

Tickets, priced at $35, are on sale now at the Wayne Public Library. The cost is $35 per individual or celebrate as a group with a table of eight for $240. All proceeds go to benefit the Friends of the Wayne Public Library. Tickets can be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

The Wayne Library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Potters host annual sale

Members of the Village Potters Guild will host their annual Holiday Sale beginning with a reception from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.

Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at this event. Wheel-thrown and hand-built items include mugs, tiles, plates, bowls, vases, jewelry, holiday ornaments, and large platters in a wide range of affordable prices.

The sale continues from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. The studio is located at 326 N. Main St. in Plymouth behind the American Community Building.

For more information or directions to the studio, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

Library sells used books

Friends of the William P. Faust Library in Westland are planning the Winter Used Book Sale.

The event will begin with a preview sale for members of the Friends of the Library from 3-6 p.m. Nov. 17.

The public sale will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19. Sunday, Nov. 20 will be bag day when an entire bag of books, CDs, DVDs will be priced at $4.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy, Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hats For Homeless continues

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for our Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday (745-245). All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth,) will also be collecting from Thursday, Nov. 24 through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

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